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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ICPC Code Citation.** UCA 62A-4a-701, et. seq.

**ICPC WEB PAGE :** <http://www.hsdcs.utah.gov/icpc.htm>

**Statutory Penalties Under Article IV.** Any offense not explicitly designated is considered an infraction. UCA 76-3-105. The person convicted of an infraction subject to fine, forfeiture, disqualification, or any combination. Class C misdemeanor - \$500 fine. UCA 76-3-205, 302.

**Court Jurisdiction.** Juvenile Court: delinquent, dependent, neglected children; temporary custody and termination of parental rights. UCA 55-10-77. District Court: adoption proceeding. UCA 78-30-7.

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Age of Majority. 18 years. UCA 15-2-1.

## REQUIREMENTS

Reports. Required quarterly unless special reports are needed.

Licensing. Any person, agency, corporation, or association who engages in child placing or solicits money or other assistance for child placing must have a license. UCA 55-8A-1(2).

## PLACEMENTS

Independent Adoptive Placements. Lawful if made by parents; attorney, physician or other person may assist a parent in identifying or locating a person interested in the adoption provided no payment, charge, fee, or reimbursement is made for any assistance. UCA 55-8A-1(3).

Adoption Petition. To be filed with the court where petitioner residing, or the adoption proceedings may be commenced by filing a petition with the clerk of a court in the District Court where the child is born – in the State of Utah. UCA 78-30-7. Minimum time between filing of petition for adoption and final decree is six months, for stepparents, one year. UCA 78-30-14. Petitions may be filed any time after adoptive placement.

Custody Investigations. Are referred to: Families for Children, P.O. Box 521192, Salt Lake City, UT 84152-1192, 801-467-3414, 801-474-1440 Fax.

ICPC Adoption Requirements. UCA-62A-4a-701, et. seq.

- 100A form completed and signed (5 copies).
- Non-identifying background: (3 copies)—mother, father.
- Native American. Information if necessary.
- Medical statement: (3 copies).
- Relinquishments: (3 copies)—mother (24 hours after birth), father. If no, statement of risk.
- Home study includes: (3 copies)—BCI-criminal check, child abuse/neglect check.

Note: Utah Code: 78-30-3.5 – 2.d authorizing the State of Utah DHS/DCFS and private adoption agencies listed to provide home studies and supervision for children in state custody for the adoption placement in Utah: Families for Children, The Children's Service Society of Utah, and The Children's Aid Society of Utah. Home studies and supervision are not allowed by other private adoption agencies in Utah.

Residential Placements.

- Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: All placements need approval in conformance with Article II.
- Requirements for Placements: The ICPC-100A and ICPC-100B are required.

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-Approval of Facilities: A facility must be licensed or approved by responsible state agency. Contact Deputy Compact Administrator for specific information. Approvals or licenses are granted for one year.

-Rate Setting: Each facility sets their own rate. However, if state agency is using the facility a purchase of service contract is negotiated. Payment rates are based upon cost of care.

-Philosophy for Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Only licensed or approved facilities are to be used.

Requirements for Foster Care Placements. A foster home must be certified as meeting Utah foster home standards.

### **PAYMENTS**

AFDC Payments. If the child can meet eligibility requirements, AFDC payments on behalf of a non-resident child will be approved.

Medicaid Payments. Sending agency is expected to provide for medical care. If the child is approved for AFDC, he automatically is eligible for Medicaid.

Foster Care Payments. Only Utah foster care rates will be paid when a child is placed in another state in a licensed foster home.

Special Education Payments. It is expected that the sending state will pay for any special education cost.

### **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Child Abuse Hot Line. Telephone: (801) 281-5151.

Juvenile Compact Office. Amber Holyoak (ICJ), Juvenile Court. Telephone: (801) 578-3813.  
FAX (801) 578-3843.

Mental Health Compact Office. Telephone (801) 538-4270.

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